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Margo Carlisle, in the office of Senator James McClure (R., Idaho), called to request a briefing for the Senator alone on the status of the SALT negotiations. I told her we could provide a briefing on the Soviet strategic weapons but that the status of the negotiations and the status of the violations were out of our charter; we are reporters of the facts and not interpreters of U. S. policy. On this basis, we scheduled a briefing by Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, at 11:00, Monday 2 June, in room 460 Old Senate Office Building with the understanding that this would be for background use for the Senator only and not for attribution and not for public use to the extent that it was classified.

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Received a call from Ron Tammien, of Senator Proxmire's staff, regarding arrangements for Carl Duckett's briefing of the Proxmire Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations on the Soviet Sovuz program on 4 June. Tammien mentioned the full Committee was being invited but no personal staff would be permitted to sit in. He said there would be two members of the Majority staff and two members of the Minority staff present (I will get the names of these individuals so their clearances can be checked). Tammien also said he would like to know the format of Duckett's presentation so they could be preparing questions for the members. He also asked if there was any possibility of sanitizing the transcript of the session. After checking with Duckett I told Tammien that the bulk of the significant information in the briefing is from sensitive sources and to try to sanitize the transcript would leave the record with erroneous impressions. Tammien said the Chairman will ask the question about sanitization in any event and Duckett can respond to it at the time.

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9 [REDACTED] Called Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, to get his views on the possibility of our briefing Senator James McClure on the ~~Soviet strategic weapons program~~. Braswell said there will be considerable discussion in the near future on SALT, that he feels it is useful for a responsible member such as McClure to be properly informed on the subject and he agreed with our inclination to provide the briefing McClure has requested.

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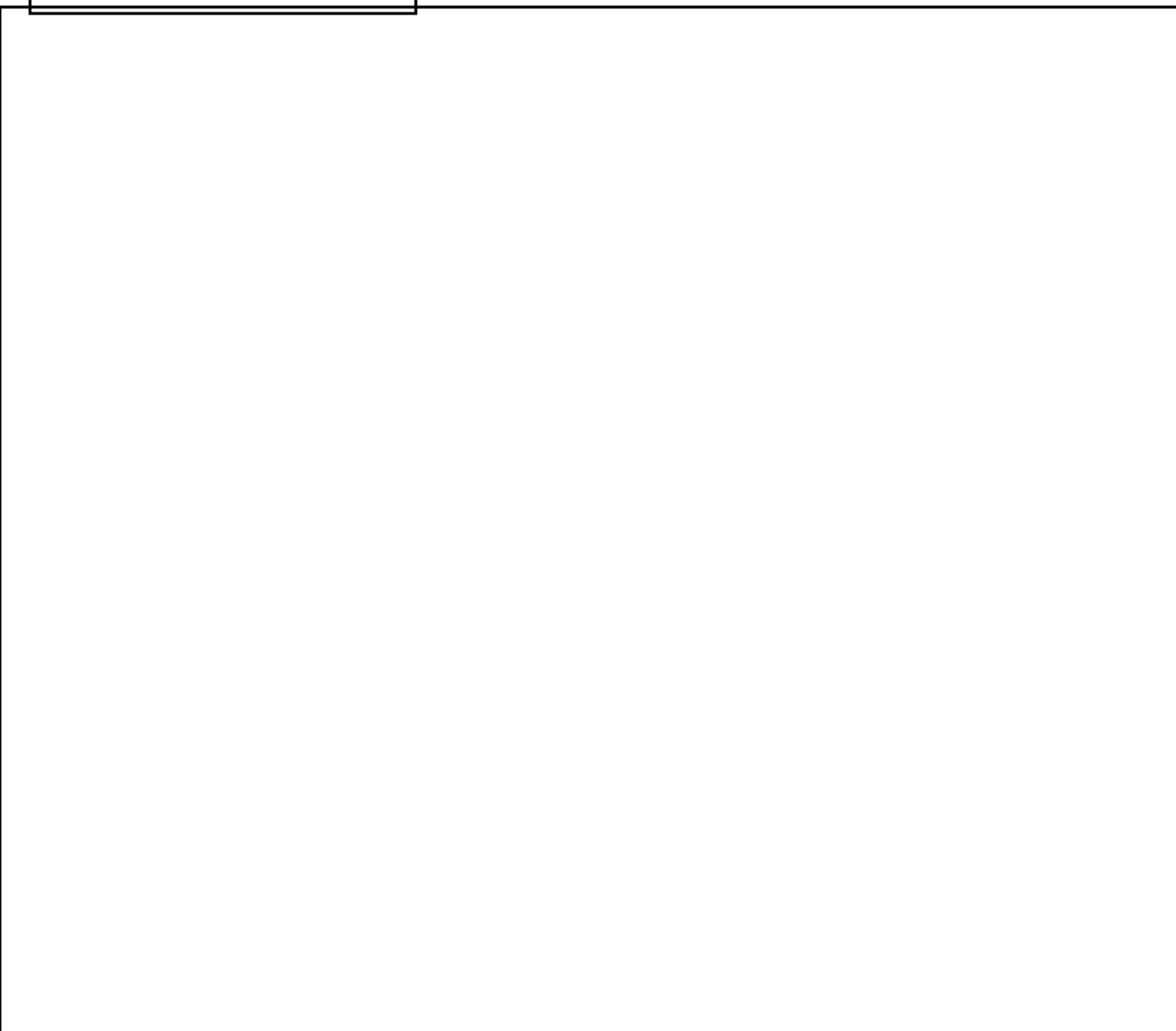
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16. [redacted] Dorothy Fosdick, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, called to request an update on ~~the Soviet weapons~~ by Carl Duckett, DDS&T, for tomorrow or Monday. Eventually, a session to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday was scheduled.

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